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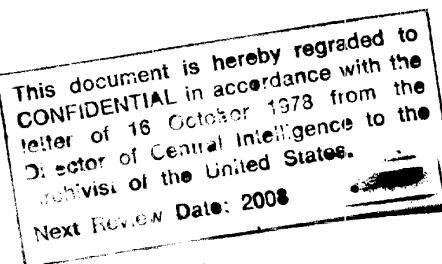
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1. In the beginning of October, the Central Administration of the Postal Service was asked by the Administration of the Interior, Berlin-Wilhelmsruh, to submit complete lists containing the names of all residents of the Soviet Zone, including the Soviet Sector of Berlin, who are in possession of a radio. The postal authorities were also ordered to carry out a new registration of radios by 1 November 1948, for which the Ministry of the Interior promised to furnish the necessary questionnaires. Questions to be answered are to include type of radio, date of acquisition, purpose of acquisition; the questionnaire contains also a paragraph to the effect that any person concealing the ownership of a radio is liable to imprisonment.
2. In several instances, SED Kreis commissions which are responsible not only for the present large-scale purge of party members, but also, very often, for their arrest and prosecution, justified their actions on the ground that the persons involved had been listening regularly to anti-Soviet radio programs; they support this charge with the written testimony of their informants.



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